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TAGS: PINT, TU  
SUBJ: HURRIYET POLL PREDICTS REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY VICTORY

1. IN THE MOST PROFESSIONALLY-RUN PRE-ELECTION POLL IN A COUNTRY WHERE

POLLING IS STILL A HIGHLY UNDEVELOPED ART, MASS-CIRCULATION  
HURRIYET HAS PROJECTED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS FOR THE JUNE 5 ELECTION.  
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY-208 SEATS, JUSTICE PARTY-149 SEATS,  
NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY-30 SEATS, NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY-  
NINE SEATS, DEMOCRATIC PARTY- FOUR SEATS, REPUBLICAN  
RELIANCE PARTY-TWO SEATS, AND INDEPENDENTS - TWO SEATS.  
THE REMAINING 46 SEATS ARE RATED TOOS-UPS. TWO HUNDRED  
TWENTY-SIX SEATS ARE NEEDED FOR A MAJORITY IN THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

2. COMMENT: POLITICAL POLLING IN TURKEY IS A RELATIVELY  
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NEW AND UNTESTED TOOL, AND PREVIOUS POLLS HAVE BEEN USED BY  
VARIOUS PARTIES AND NEWSPAPERS PRIMARILY AS CAMPAIGN DEVICES.  
HOWEVER, THE POLL BY HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST CIRCULATION  
NEWSPAPER, WAS CONDUCTED BY TWO PROFESSORS FROM BOSPHORUS  
UNIVERSITY WHO, WE UNDERSTAND, HAVE DONE GRADUATE WORK AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ON OPINION POLLING TECHNIQUES.  
AMCONGEN ISTANBUL OFFICERS WERE TOLD BY HURRIYET THAT THE

PAPER SPARED NO EXPENSE ON THE POLL AND THAT THE DIRECTORS WERE EXTREMELY CAREFUL TO AVOID BIAS IN FAVOR OF ANY PARTY. (THE POLL DIRECTORS CLAIM THAT THE POLL SHOULD BE ACCURATE WITHIN THREE PERCENT.) THE LARGE NUMBER OF UNDECIDED SEATS IN THE POLL SUGGESTS THAT THE POLLSTERS WERE UNCHARACTERISTICALLY CAUTIOUS AND UNWILLING TO PROJECT A WINNER WHERE THERE WAS ANY DOUBT. CAREFUL READING OF COMMENTARY SUPPORTING POLL RESULTS, HOWEVER, LEADS EMBASSY OFFICERS TO BELIEVE THAT THERE MAY BE A SLIGHT BIAS TOWARD THE RPP AND AGAINST CONSERVATIVE PARTIES, ESPECIALLY THE NSP. MACOMBER

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